PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

103rd ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT

Sons of Union Veterans Of The Civil War

FRIDAY - SATURDAY
APRIL 19, 20, 1985

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FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS

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FIRST SESSION

The First Session was opened in form at 9:25 o'clock by Department Commander Clark W. Mellor.

The following officers were appointed: Guide Joseph Gauthier, Color Bearer James Ledwith.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain Irving Comee.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Department Secretary William W. Haskell called the roll of the Department Officers.

Report #1

ROLL CALL OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

		P	A
Commander:	Clark W. Mellor	X	
Senior Vice Commander:	Kenneth Oakley	X	
Junior Vice Commander:	Ray Hutchinson		X
Secretary:	William W. Haskell	X	
Treasurer:	Miles E. Harrington, Sr.	X	
Asst. Secretary-Treasurer:	Gilman Harrington	X	
Council:	Eugene E. Russell	X	
Council:	Frank J. Tucker	X	
Council:	Joseph Gauthier	X	
Counselor:	Malcolm M. Donahue		X
Chaplain:	Irving Comee	X	
Executive Board Members:	William C. Rule	EX	
	Elmer W. Shaw	X	
	Lewis Garney	X	
	David Bernner	X	
	Chester W. Adshead	X	
Patriotic Instructor:	Lewis Garney	X	
Historian:	Ernest Wells	EX	
Chief of Staff:	Lester E. Covey		X
Personal Aide:	Elizabeth Mellor	X	
Organizer:	Frank J. Tucker	X	
Publicist:	David Bernner	X	
Musician:	Richard T. Topey	X	
G.A.R. Highway Officer:	Chester W. Adshead	X	

FIRST CREDENTIAL REPORT

Commander in Chief	1
Past Commander in Chief	1
Department Commander	1
Past Department Commanders	6
Past Camp Commanders	3
Delegates	1
TOTAL -	13

Department Secretary read the Encampment Committees

Report #2

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES

Miles E. Harrington, Sr., P.D.C. Chairperson
Kenneth Oakley, S.V.D.C.

William W. Haskell, P.C.C. — Frank J. Tucker, P.D.C.
Lewis E. Garney, P.D.C. — Chester W. Adshead, P.D.C.

Committee Treasurer - Minnie E. Madeiros, P.N.P.

Committee Secretary - Esther E. Haskell, Dept. Personal Aide

RESOLUTIONS

Irving Comee, P.D.C. — Kenneth Oakley, S.V.C.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Miles E. Harrington, Sr., Kenneth Oakley, Frank J. Tucker

RITUAL

Leslie E. Covey — Joseph Gauthier

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

William W. Haskell, Dept. Secretary — Chester W. Adshead, Gilman W. Harrington

CONSTITUTION & REGULATIONS

Lewis E. Garney — Ray Hutchinson

RESTORATION OF RANK

William W. Haskell, Gilman W. Harrington, Elmer Shaw

VISITING COMMITTEES

To the Auxiliary:
Department Commander Clark W. Mellor
Commander in Chief Eugene E. Russell
National Personal Aide Miles E. Harrington, Sr. P.D.C.
William W. Haskell, Chairman
Donald Roberts, S.V.C. in C.

To the Daughters:
William W. Haskell, P.C.C.
Ken Oakley, Dept. S.V.C.

To the Women's Relief Corps:
Kenneth Oakley, J.V.D.C.
Irving Comee, P.D.C.

To the Ladies of the Grand Army:
Joseph Gauthier
Lewis Garney

Aide to the Commander in Chief -
Miles E. Harrington, Sr., P.D.C.

Responses:

To the Commander in Chief - William W. Haskell, P.C.C.
To the National President - Frank J. Tucker, P.D.C.
To the Department President - Kenneth Oakley, S.V.D.C.
To the Women's Relief Corps - Elmer Shaw, P.D.C.
To the Daughters - Leslie E. Covey, P.D.C.
To the Ladies of the Grand Army - Lewis E. Garney, P.D.C.
To the Hotel Manager - Miles E. Harrington, P.D.C.
To all others - Ray Hutchinson, J.V.D.C.
Chairmen of Escorts - David Bernner

Guide Gauthier escorted Commander in Chief Eugene E. Russell to a seat up front. He also escorted Senior Vice Commander in Chief, Donald Roberts of New York, to a seat up front.

Report Numbers were read.

Report #3

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

April 1985

TO: The Officers and members of the One Hundred Third Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Greetings:

One year ago this month you elected me as your Department Commander, for the year of 1984 and 1985, I was indeed very honored to think that you would have me serve you again as your Department Commander.

I have tried to do to the best of my ability, to attend as many functions as time would permit, and what I could not attend myself my very able Department Senior Vice Commander did. I am not going to list all the places I have been for it would take too long, just a few of them-

All Regional Meetings.
Receptions to the various Allied Orders in State and out of State.
National Convention in Akron, Ohio.
Reception to my Department President and myself.
Reception to our Commander in Chief Eugene Russel and to our National President Sister Jennie Russell, all E. Board and Plymouth County meetings, Christmas parties in Worcester, and Rockland, MA. On Sunday March 31, 1985 at 2:00 P.M. at the State House in Boston there was a very nice special ceremony marking the observance of Grand Army of the Republic Day in Massachusetts, and the unveiling of a Commemorative Plaque, honoring the Women who nursed the Union Soldiers during the Civil War, and officially Renaming a section of the Hall as Civil War Nurses Hall. The Bronze Plaque was unveiled by Department President Freda Harrington and myself. This affair was under the leadership of P.D.C. Frank J. Tucker as chairman and P.C.C. William Haskell as co-chairman. It was an affair I shall always remember.

To my Official Family, many, many thanks for the help and advice that you gave me this year.

To my Department President Freda Harrington, it has been a very pleasant year, and I hope our friendship will continue thruout the years to come.

To my wife Betty, it sure has been a pleasure having you as my personal aide, you were a very big help to me in many ways - many thanks to you.

To the new Officers I pledge my support and may you have a very successful and happy year.

Respectfully submitted in F.C. & L.

CLARK W. MELLOR
Department Commander

Motion made by Department Secretary William W. Haskell that we accept the Report of the Department Commander and all other Officers' reports without debate and that they be turned over to The Committee on Officers Reports. Seconded by several and carried.

Report #4

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

TO: The Officers and Members of the 103rd Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Brothers, Greetings:

It has been a distinct honor and my privilege to have been able to serve as the second ranking officer for a second term, I'm grateful for the advice, counsel and support of my fellow officers.

Permitting me to gain further exposure will be to my credit.

-Participated in Dept. L/W rites - Chr. Dave Bernner.
- " " Long Island Day Rites- Rep. Com. Mellor.
- " " Meetings & Social Functions of Camps #17 & 50.
-Assisted in flagging 850 graves in several Brockton area cemeteries.
-Suported, attended & participated in Brockton Parade as part of the Color Line.
-Attended the N.E. Regional Meetings at Weirs, NH, Waterville, ME, and Montpelier, VT.
-Attended the following receptions- Clark W. Mellor-Freda Harrington; Eleanor Low, L.G.A.R. & C/C Eugene Russell & Natl. Pres. Jennie Russell.

-Attended all meetings of Exec. Board.
- " " " " Allied Orders-Participated as Adjutant.
-Attended P.C.A. meetings.
- " Friendly Relations Banq. Rep. Com. Mellor.
-Attended Natl. Encampment Aug. 11-15, 1985, Akron, Ohio.
-Participated in Brockton Vets. Parade as part of Color Line.
-Attended Remembrance Day 11/17/ 1984, Gettysburg, PA.
-Attended Dept. Encampments that did not conflict with local or Dept. Activities. Dept. R.I. 4/13/1985.
-Launched a camp newsletter for Camp #50 with Bros. Lowe and Sargent.
-Talked up the S.U.V.C.W. whenever the opportunity presented itself.
-Encouraged strangers to join The S.U.V.C.W.

My brief stint of six (6) yrs. has been most revealing as well as fulfilling in that I've had several Camp Officers in both Camps #17 & 50, Sec'y in P.C.A. for three (3) yrs., Delegate to Allied Orders and a present Adjutant Delegate to Dept. & Natl. Encampments.

The above participation would indicate that I've become reasonably schooled in procedure but I'm the first to admit that I still have plenty to learn.

During the six (6) yrs., last year being no exception, I tried to increase my knowledge of the S.U.V.C.W. by getting more experience as my office permitted and hope to do as much in the future.

I hope to be an asset to the Order, Camps and Department. Dedication is needed if we are to survive.

I hope that I will, with the grace of God and good health, continue to help the Dept. and Camps for the upcoming year.

Respectively submitted in F.C. & L.

KENNETH H. OAKLEY
Department Senior Vice Commander

Report #5

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

April 19, 1985

To the Officers and Members of the 103rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Greetings:

As this year we are having only a two day Encampment, I will try to make my report short and to the point.

It has been a very busy year. I attended the National Encampment last August and was appointed National Counselor for the second year; was Co-Chairman of the committee arranging the Reception for the Commander in Chief and National President, attended three meetings of the New England Regional Assoc. and was elected their Treasurer, attended three meetings of the Executive Board and made several other commitments.

This year we lost by death, P.D.C. Henry S. Bowen. We will miss his advice and counsel.

MEMBERSHIP

Brothers, again this year we have a big decrease in Membership. We had to drop two Camps, the John Low Camp #6 of Beverly with 5 members; after Bowen died no one wanted to take over. The Capt. Nahum Leonard Camp #144 of Bridgewater with 8 members. Much work was done trying to keep this camp. Many promises were made by the Hooper family but none were ever kept. The Major John A. Cummings Camp of Somerville surrendered their Charter. They had only 1 member and he transferred to Camp #104 of Saugus.

This year we gained by initiation 11 new members, dropped 23 and lost by death 10, leaving us with 254 members as of the March quarter.

Brothers, we must do something very soon or we will cease to be a Department.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Again, we should give a big thanks to Department Treasurer Miles E. Harrington, Sr. for our fine financial condition. When he gives his report you will see why.

Brothers, we are spending more money than we are taking in. Last year my checkbook showed a balance of $1,756.11 as of March 31, 1984. This year as of March 31, the balance is $1,066.25.

I wish to congratulate Department Commander Clark W. Mellor for his fine leadership during the past year. It has been a pleasure working with you. To Department Treasurer Miles E. Harrington, what can I say. Again this year we have worked together as a team. Thanks for your help and advice.

To all others who in any way have helped, a big thanks.

RECOMMENDATIONS

#1. That we draw up a resolution on the death of P.D.C. Henry S. Bowen and present it to this Encampment before we close.

#2. That we request the Department Council to increase the amount of our working capital from $3,000.00 to $4,000.00.

Yours in F.C. & L.
WILLIAM W. HASKELL
Department Secretary

Report #6

DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT — APRIL 19, 1985

To the Officers & Members of the 103rd Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Unfortunately in my last report, on the last page, there were some mistakes which I or no one else became aware of till long after the Proceedings had been printed. I have since corrected the mistakes and brought this report up to date. The financial condition of the Department is good and the following pages are an accounting of our funds.

MARGARETHA MYERS FUND

Balance 4-1-84	$690.26		
Interest	36.23		
	726.49		
		$69.02	Admin. fee
Balance 4-1/85	$657.47		

CHARLES F. ELLIS FUND

Balance 4-1-84	$1995.92	$199.59	Admin. fee
Interest	104.78	52.00	Per Capita Tax Camp 81
	2100.70	10.00	Donation Dept. Raffle
		50.00	Chelsea Soldiers Home
		311.59	
Balance 4-1-85	$1789.11		

GEORGE C. MARSHALL FUND

Balance 4-1-84	$960.01		
Interest	72.00	$96.00	Admin. fee
	1032.01	10.00	Donation Dept. Raffle
		106.00	
Balance 4-1-85	$926.01		

ROBERT & ETHEL WOOD FUND

Balance 4-1-84	$9238.04	$461.90	Admin. fee
Interest	620.59	35.00	Cemetery exp.
	9858.63	10.00	Don.Dept. Raf.
		25.00	Notary Pub. fee
		30.00	Aux . Fund Off.
		200.00	Dept. Sec'y Nat. Expense
		4.00	Postage
		95.00	Exec. Bd. Lunches
		2.50	Friendly Rel. Ad
		100.00	Don.School Band
		963.40	
Balance 4-1-85	$8895.23		

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G.A.R. - LORING FUND

Balance 4-1-84	$9277.97	$463.89	Admin. fee
Interest	624.14	300.00	Pur. Badges
Dept. Pat. Inst.	52.00	42.59	Cmdr-in-Chief Meals
Camp 50 Badges	140.00	150.00	Cmdr-in-Chief Reception
	10,094.11	956.48	
Balance 4-1-85	$9137.63		

BRIDGEPORT FUND

Balance 4-1-84	$6173.18		
Interest	462.98		
	6636.16		
		$617.31	Admin. fee
Balance 4-1-85	$6018.85		

COPPENHAGEN FUND

Balance 4-1-84	$23,128.21	$1387.68	Admin. fee
Interest	1,890.00	50.00	Dept. Cmdr. Reception
Dividends	483.00	130.00	Corp. Reports
	$25,501.21	25.00	Nat. Prog. Com.
		100.00	" Cem. Memorial
		500.00	Statue Lib. Fund
		2192.68	
Balance 4-1-85	$23308.53		

ASSETS

81	Shares	A.T.&T.
23	"	NYNEX Corp.
16	"	Bell South Corp.
20	"	Bell Atlantic Corp.
50	"	Pub. Serv. N.H.

Estim. Value Stock	$5598.00
Cash in Bank	17710.53
	$23308.53

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PERMANENT FUND

Balance 4-1-84	$47366.14		
Interest	2713.92		
Dividends	3024.66		
Admin. fees	3295.39	$3000.00	General Expense
	56400.11	25.00	Nat. Pat. Instr.
		3025.00	
Balance 4-1-85	$53375.11		

ASSETS

337	Shares	A.T.&T.	
72	"	NYNEX Corp.	
59	"	Bell South Corp.	
67	"	Bell Atlantic Corp.	
349	"	Bird Corp.	
194	"	Northeast Util.	
138	"	Fitchburg G.&E.	
286	"	Haverhill Gas	
85	"	Valley Resources	
67	"	Eastern Util.	
14	"	N.E. Elec. System	
6	"	Heywood Wake. (com)	
25	"	" " (pref)	
Estim. Value Stock			$30743.00
Cash in Bank			22632.11
			$53375.11

Estim. Stock Value	$36341.00
Cash in Banks	67766.94
	$104107.94

Respectfully submitted in F.C. & L.

MILES E. HARRINGTON, SR.
Department Treasurer

Report #7

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 19, 1985

To the Officers and Members of the 103rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Greetings,

The Executive Committee held three (3) meetings during the year with an average attendance of ten (10) members.

The first meeting was held June 16, 1984. The following Officers were elected, P.D.C. Elmer W. Shaw, Chairman, P.D.C. Chester W. Adshead, Vice Chairman and P.C.C. William W. Haskell, Clerk.

It was reported at this time that a meeting was going to be held June 19, 1984 in regards to reorganization of Camp #144 of Bridgewater.

Voted to give $25.00 to the National Program and Policy Committee.

Voted to give $50.00 to the Committee arranging the reception to Department Commander and the Department President.

The second meeting was held Sept. 8, 1984. Much discussion was held in regards to P.D.C. Charles W. Hooper about his trouble with the New England Regional Assoc. It was voted that Clerk Haskell send a Registered letter to him demanding that he return all funds to the Department before Oct. 15, 1984.

Voted to give to the committee arranging the reception to the Commander in Chief and the National President, $150.00.

Voted to donate $100.00 to the National Cemetery in Bourne, MA.

Voted we give $500.00 to the committee repairing the Statue of Liberty.

It was reported at this meeting that P.D.C. Henry S. Bowen passed away Sept. 7, 1984.

The third meeting was held Feb. 23, 1985. It was voted that the Department hold a Court Martial on P.D.C. Charles W. Hooper.

Voted we donate the sum of $100.00 to the New Bedford High School Band who is to represent Massachusetts in the Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C.

Other routine business was transacted during the year.

Yours in F.F. & L.
ELMER W. SHAW, Chairman
WILLIAM W. HASKELL, Clerk

Report #8

REPORT OF THE PERSONAL AIDE

Greetings,

One year ago, I was appointed as your personal aide, but wasn't installed until May, at a Plymouth County meeting by Commander in Chief Eugene Russell.

Since then I have traveled around with you: I sure hope that I have been of some help to you.

Thank you for having me as your Personal Aide, it has been a pleasure to serve you.

To my successor, I sure hope your year is wonderful.

Yours in F.C. & L.
ELIZABETH E. MELLOR, P.D.P.
Department Personal Aide

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT ORGANIZER

This has been perhaps the most interesting year I have spent since becoming a member of the Sons of Union Veterans. I have served in several capacities, and I hope, in a satisfactory manner that reflects the dignity and sincerity of our organization and its purposes.

In the first instance, as the fiscal year came into being, notice was given to the fact that two camps were having troubles that threatened their individual existence.

Camp #30 was having trouble enticing enough membership to meetings to constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business, and Camp 9, although having adequate attendance at meetings was somewhat held back in some of its major efforts by a lack of funds to carry forth programs that might build and strengthen their camp.

After taking a long look at the situation involving both camps, I foresaw a solution which would solve the problem to the satisfaction of all involved. Camp 30 needed membership, and Camp 9 needed money... A simple solution was to combine both camps.

A meeting was held for this purpose with representatives from both camps, and it was voted to take this procedure. At this writing, the National body is taking under advisement, the application for a new camp in Boston to be known as the Bowditch-Lowell Camp No. 85. The name being taken from the Nathaniel Bowditch Camp 30, and Charles Russell Lowell Camp No. 9. The number arrived at was simply chosen from the year of our reorganization. I am sure this new camp will grow now by leaps and bounds. I also had the great pride of knowing that a bill that I pushed through the state legislature on behalf of the Sons, after three years of fighting, was finally signed into law by the governor, renaming a section of the State Capitol as Civil War Nurses Hall. The Department of Massachusetts, SUVCW donated an amount of money to have a suitable plaque inscribed and placed in the hall, in conjunction with ceremonies held on March 31st in observance of Grand Army of the Republic Day, an event now held annually in Massachusetts, due to gubernatorial proclamation, which sets aside the Sunday nearest April 8th as the day of observance.

A remarkably well attended ceremony was held in the famous "Hall of Flags" at the State Capitol, with attendees from all over New England, as well as Massachusetts denoting these historic events.

The saddest thing I have to report, is that although I was honored to have been chosen as President of a Court Martial Board, which saw the ousting of a former Department Commander from the Sons of Union Veterans, I did not enjoy the honor. I hope this great Department,

or any Department of the Sons of Union Veterans never again will face the agony of this procedure. However, we must maintain the dignity, reputation and well being of our organization, which is the outcome of a sacred trust placed upon us by our forefathers, who gave us the mandate of keeping alive their names and the deeds which kept America as one, in a period of the blackest time in our history. I stand again ready to serve our Order in any capacity which I am physically able.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. TUCKER, PDC
Department Organizer

SHORT RECESS at 10:30 A.M.

Meeting resumed at 11:45 A.M.

Letter from Commander in Chief and National President read.

Voted said letter be placed in the Proceedings.

Report #9

LETTER FROM
COMMANDER IN CHIEF/NATIONAL PRESIDENT

April 10, 1985

To the members of the Massachusetts Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary and those on the Joint Committee for the reception to your National heads at the Yankee Drummer Motor Inn in Auburn, Mass. on November 3, 1984:

As the duties of our administration in our respective rders, the SUVCW and its Auxiliary are often difficult to separate, so our thanks to the joint committee that planned and executed our beautiful National Reception must be extended in a dual capacity.

It is also impossible to separate into segments the various pleasurable incidents of the evening and the succession of accumulating honors bestowed, as well as the numerous love tokens in the form of gifts - so for everything, and to all, our heartfelt gratitude.

In the midst of the inevitable problems and frustrations that we will probably encounter in the coming year,

we will return to the memories of that splendid evening for inspiration and rededication.

Special recognition should go to each member of the joint committee who labored beyond the call of duty to create such an enjoyable evening and then compounded their good efforts by presenting Jennie and me with a generous testimonial check.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

EUGENE E. RUSSELL
Commander in Chief

JENNIE B. RUSSELL
National President

P.D.C. Miles E. Harrington, Treasurer of the Committee on the Reception for the Commander in Chief and the National President, read the Financial Report of the affair.

Report #10

TESTIMONIAL BANQUET FOR
COMMANDER IN CHIEF AND NATIONAL PRESIDENT
November 3, 1984

The following is the financial report of the Treasurer.

RECEIPTS

Son's Dept.	$150.00
Aux's Dept.	150.00
Auxiliary #13	5.00
Camp #104	100.00
Donation McCandles	10.00
Donation Anonymous	47.00
Sale 114 Tickets	1710.00
	$2172.00

Refunds

Leroy Stoudt	$30.00
Thomas Chadwick	30.00
Edmund Noonan	30.00
Shirley Wool	15.00
	$105.00

EXPENSES

Invitations	$ 51.68
Mini-Glasses	20.48
Favors-Key Rings	32.00
Postage	41.46
Flowers	27.00
Centerpiece	25.00
Candy	7.00
Gift cards	1.00
Phone calls	10.35
Photostats	.45
Entertainer	85.00
Soloist	15.00
Nat. Officers Rm.	45.90
120 Dinners	1511.10
Bartender	25.00
Refunds	105.00
	$2003.42

No Charge Tickets

W. W. Haskell, Master Ceremonies
Judy Long, Entertainer
Eugene Russell, Cmdr. in Chief
Jennie Russell, Nat. President
David Russell, Son
Joan Walker, Daughter
Rev. John Knight
Mrs. Knight
Col. David Gavigan, Rep. Governor
Mrs. Gavigan
Shirley Wool, Nat. Pres. Ladies GAR
Ona Fleet, Rep. Nat. Pres. WRC
Frances Tardiff, Rep. Nat. Pres. Daughters
Total 13

Reservations guaranteed	120
Present were	117
As Bar receipts were under $200.00 there was a Bartender charge of	$25.00

2 persons who had paid for reservations did not cancel.

$2172.00	Receipts
2003.42	Expenses
$ 168.58	Balance

Committee made up balance to $170.00 and presented a check for that amount to Gene & Jennie Russell, our Cmdr. in Chief & National President.

Respectfully submitted in F.C. & L.
MILES E. HARRINGTON, SR., PDC
Testimonial Treasurer

Letter from the Gen. Hartsuff Camp 50 of Rockland asking for the Restoration of Rank of Past Camp Commander turned over to the Committee on Restoration of Rank.

April 19, 1985

To the Officers and Members of the 103rd Annual Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War -

Greetings,

The Gen. Hartsuff Camp #50 of Rockland would like you to restore the rank of Past Camp Commander to Robert Pratt who joined the James L. Bates Camp #36 of East Weymouth in 1942. He served in many camp offices and was elected Camp Commander in 1950 and 1951. The Camp disbanded in 1951.

Bob joined the Gen. Hartsuff Camp #50, January 12, 1985 and now is serving as Camp Chaplain.

We, the Members of Camp 50, would like the Committee on Restoration of Past Rank to consider our request.

Yours in F.C. & L.
MILES E. HARRINGTON, SR.
Camp Treasurer

Chairman Eugene E. Russell of the Department read the report of the Council.

Report #11

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL REPORT

To the Officers and Members of the 103rd Mass. Annual Encampment:

The newly elected Council members met at the close of the 102nd Annual Encampment at Fairhaven, Mass. on April 15, 1984 and organized as follows: Chairman, P.D.C. Eugene E. Russell; Secretary retiring Dept. Commander Frank Tucker; Advisor, Joseph Gauthier.

Despite the repeated recommendations of previous Councils to have the books of the Dept. Secretary and the Dept. Treasurer audited as near as possible to the close of each quarter, the problem of times convenient to all involved allowed the audits to accumulate and be handled for several quarters by the tedious efforts of Gauthier and Russell, who nevertheless found everything in order.

Important votes of the Council:

Mileage allowed to Dept. Commander for travel to National to be determined by bus fare to Dayton, Ohio.

Authorize $50.00 for 1985 Encampment Committee, if necessary.

Authorize $25.00 for expenses in connection with visit to Chelsea Soldiers' home, particularly for purchase of fruit.

Same authorized to Missions Commission of Centre United Methodist Church of Malden, as part of Department's outside patriotic work.

Authorized $25.00 to Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief's Fund.

Authorized $10.00 to New England Regional Association, temporarily until new treasury funds are built up.

The Chairman was called on to install Chief of Staff, P.D.C. Leslie Covey who was not present at the 102nd Encampment.

During the year we lost P.D.C. Henry Bowen of Beverly. He had served faithfully as Department Treasurer for many years. Poor health and lack of transportation prevented his attendance at many functions in recent years. As happens so unfortunately in many cases where advancing years tend to alienate former active and dedicated members so the memory of Brother Henry's good work through the years tended to become dimmed in the minds of some and little known by the newer members.

In the act of preparing to leave for this Encampment word of the sudden death of P.D.C. Ernest G. Wells was received. A hospital patient for some time, he recently seemed in good spirits and anxious to return home. A prolific writer and avid historian, his long-time suffering from arthritis prevented his attaining high National office, to which he was eminently qualified. Researchers in the history of the Civil War will be hard-pressed to get information that was always readily available from Ernie.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE E. RUSSELL, Chairman
FRANK J. TUCKER, Secretary
JOSEPH GAUTHIER, Adv.

Resolution from P.D.C. Frank J. Tucker read and turned over to the Resolution Committee.

Report #12

RESOLUTION

April 4, 1985

WHEREAS: The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of Massachusetts have been assisted by others not members of this order in promoting the workings of said order. And

WHEREAS: This Department has been remiss in that it does not issue an official commendation for certain actions which enhance the importance of the Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War,

BE IT RESOLVED: That a suitable scroll be drawn up and printed in the form of a Commendation for Services rendered to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War- and that said scroll be printed on proper weight of paper, in a minimum of three colors, bearing the seal of the Department of Massachusetts, for immediate usage and for future usage of the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. TUCKER, PDC

Voted to concur and that the incoming Commander appoint a committee to work on said Resolution.

April 4, 1985

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: There has been a steady increase in the costs of maintaining the Department Headquarters of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and

WHEREAS: The present budget is becoming inadequate to meet the cost of operational needs, and

WHEREAS: The present Department Secretary is working at the said Headquarters on a full time basis without salary, and at times at his own expense,

BE IT RESOLVED: That effective April 19, 1985, that the budget of the Secretary of the Department of Massachusetts Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, be increased to $4,000.00 (Four Thousand Dollars) and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That said sum include money to defray the expenses of the Department Secretary to attend National Conventions of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to the extent of Travel to and from said convention and cost of hostelry.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK J. TUCKER, PDC

Amended: Para. #5
Delete full expenses to that of the same as given to Department Commander.
Concur.

The Resolution Committee voted to concur with said Resolution.

Motion by S.V.D.C. Oakley that we recess until 1:30 seconded by several.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON MEETING

Meeting resumed at 1:35 P.M.

The Committee on Restoration of Rank reported that they have voted to restore the Rank of Past Camp Commander to Robert Pratt.

Voted to concur with the vote of the committee.

Remarks were made by the following:

William McCormick of New Hampshire
James Ledwith of Connecticut
Sherman Weaver, National Chaplain
Donald Roberts, Sr. Vice Commander in Chief of NY and Commander in Chief Eugene E. Russell of our own Department.

David Bernner, Chairman of the Lincoln Day Committee, gave a Report (as it is too long to print in the Proceedings, it was voted that if anyone wishes to read it, it is in the Department Office).

On his Recommendation #4 that we appropriate the sum of $225.00 to the Committee, we concur.

Chester W. Adshead, Chairman of the G.A.R. Highway, gave a verbal report.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

For Commander -
Kenneth Oakley by P.D.C. Frank J. Tucker

For Sr. Vice Commander -
Ray Hutchinson by P.D.C. Miles E. Harrington

For Jr. Vice Commander -
James Clayton by Edward E. Loke

For Secretary (3 Years)
William W. Haskell by Frank J. Tucker

For Treasurer (3 Years) -
Miles E. Harrington, Sr. by P.D.C. Gilman Harrington

For Department Council -
Eugene E. Russell by P.D.C. Clark W. Mellor
Clark W. Mellor by P.C.C. William W. Haskell
Joseph Gauthier by P.D.C. Eugene E. Russell

For Executive Committee (5 Years) -
Frank J. Tucker by P.C.C. William W. Haskell

Bill from David Bernner, Chairman of the Lincoln Day Committee for $166.78 read and voted to give him $170.00.

Motion by P.D.C. Tucker, seconded by several we recess until 9:30 tomorrow morning. Motion Carried.

56 Carroll Street
West Roxbury, MA 02132
March 3, 1985

Mr. William Haskell
Mass. Dept. Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War
State Headquarters
School Street
Rockland, MA

RE: Bill for Lincoln Day Ceremonies
Massachusetts State House
February 9, 1985

Wreath, Park Square	$ 9.97
Refreshments	30.27
Postage	74.00
Telephone	19.45
Custodian (State House)	20.00
Refreshments, 1984	7.20
Batteries	5.89
	$166.78

Submitted by: David C. Bernner
Chairman, Lincoln Day Ceremonies

SATURDAY A.M. MEETING

Meeting resumed at 9:20 A.M.

Irving Comee, Chairman of the Resolution Committee reported on the recommendations of the Dept. Sec'y.

#1 That we draw up a resolution on the death of P.D.C. Henry Bowen. We concur.

#2 That we request the Dept. Council to increase the amount of our working capital from $3,000.00 to $4,000.00. We concur.

Letter from National Secretary - Treasurer read.

15 March 1985

TO: The Department Secretaries

SUBJECT: Amendment to the Constitution, Article VI

Dear Brothers:

At the 103rd Annual National Encampment of the SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, held August 12-15, 1984 in Akron, Ohio, an Amendment to the Constitution of our Order, Article VI - Formation and Disbandment, Section four (4) changing the time period for a Provisional Department to acquire permanent Department Status from one year - to three years, was presented with the following changes as noted.

The last sentence of Section 4 will read as follows:

"After three years a Provisional Department shall be granted permanent status by the Commander-in-Chief"

This Amendment was adopted by a unanimous vote of National Encampment in session and therefore is now in order for the proposed amendment to be presented to each Department Encampment in the spring of 1985 for ratification in accordance with Article IX of the Constitution, and if favorable acted upon and ratified by at least 50% of the Departments, it will be proclaimed by the Commander-in-Chief in his General Orders to be published in the Banner preceding the next National Encampment.

PLEASE present this Amendment to your Department Encampment and return the results on the attached page, immediately to the Office of the National Secretary-Treasurer for tabulation and reporting the 104th SUVCW National Encampment in Wilmington, Del.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
CHESTER S. SHRIVER
National Secretary-Treasurer

Encl: Attachment

TO: Chester S. Shriver
National Secretary-Treasurer
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Post Office Box #24
Gettysburg, PA 17325

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

SUBJECT: Amendment to Article VI (Formation and Disbandment) Section 4: (Constitution of our Order)

Dear Brother Shriver:

Please be advised that the attached Amendment as noted above, was presented to our Department in session and the following vote was cast regarding the following proposed change to Article VI, Section 4, as follows:

"After three years, a Provisional Department shall be granted permanent status by the Commander-in-Chief".

The results of the above Department Encampment voting is as follows:

In favor of the Change - 13 Votes

Opposed to the Change - 0 Votes

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

C. S. SHRIVER
Department Secretary

Attest:

CLARK W. MELLOR
Department Commander

Department Secretary read his Financial Report.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND MARCH 31, 1984		$1,704.76
Receipts:		
Per Capita Tax	$1,010.00	
Income from Permanent Fund	3,000.00	
Supplies	29.00	
Donation (Chief of Staff)	60.00	
Refund from 1984 Encampment Committee	106.42	
Rent from the Auxiliary	150.00	
Bank Interest	85.71	
Misc.	20.00	$4,461.13
		$6,165.89
Expenses:		
Per Capita Tax	$1,058.00	
Office Expense	1,400.00	
Rent	1,000.00	
Dept. Commanders Travel - St., Nat.	628.00	
Stationery	37.00	
Postage	16.42	
Printing, Rosters	70.15	
Printing Proceedings	375.00	
Officers Bonds & Insurance	175.00	
1984 Safe Deposit Box	20.00	
Allied Orders Dues	15.00	
Site Committee	35.00	
1985 Encampment Committee	150.00	
1985 Safe Deposit Box	28.00	
G.A.R. Day Committee	100.00	
Supplies	97.50	
Misc.	11.25	$5,216.32
Balance on Hand March 31, 1985		$ 949.57

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY'S MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	CAMPS				MEMBERSHIP						
QUARTER ENDING	REINSTATED	DROPPED	DISBANDED	CAMPS	INITIATION	TRANSFERRED	REINSTATED	DROPPED	HON. DISCHARGED	DEATHS	MEMBERSHIP
June 30, 1984	0	0	0	19	3	0	0	5	0	3	270
Sept. 30, 1984	0	0	1	18	2	0	0	0	0	2	270
Dec. 31, 1984	0	1	0	17	3	1	0	5	0	3	266
March 31, 1985	0	1	0	16	3	0	0	13	0	2	254
TOTALS	0	2	1	16	11	1	0	23	0	10	254

Major John Cummings Camp #3, Somerville, disbanded September 30, 1984. No Members.

John Low Camp #6, Beverly dropped December 31, 1984, 5 Members.

Capt. Nahum Leonard Camp #144, Bridgewater, 8 Members. December 31, 1985.

Yours in F.C. & L.
WILLIAM W. HASKELL
Department Secretary

At this time, Dept. Commander Plant of R.I. and P.D.C. Edgar Prince of Connecticut were introduced and brought greetings from their Departments.

Motion by P.D.C. Miles E. Harrington, Sr., seconded by P.C.C. William Haskell that we present Dept. Commander Mellor with a new Ritual. Motion Carried.

Motion by Joseph Gauthier, seconded by several that we give the G.A.R. Day Committee $225.00. Motion Carried.

Motion by P.D.C. Covey, seconded by S.V.D.C. Oakley that we also give the Lincoln Day Committee $225.00. Motion Carried.

Ken Oakley, Chairman of the Raffle Committee gave a verbal report.

Motion by P.D.C. Tucker, seconded by P.D.C. Covey that we recess until 1:30 P.M. Motion Carried.

SATURDAY P.M. MEETING

Meeting resumed at 1:30 P.M.

Nomination of Officers Re-Opened. There being no changes, on a motion by P.C.C. Haskell, seconded by P.D.C. Tucker, it was voted that wereas there is no contest that we vote by acclamation. Motion Carried.

P.D.C. Eugene E. Russell, Chairman of the Dept. Council read the Proposed Budget for 1985-1986.

BUDGET 1985-1986

RECEIPTS:

Income from Permanent Fund	$4,000.00
Per Capita Tax on 254 Members	1,016.00
Rent from Auxiliary	150.00
Donations	70.00
Misc.	489.00
	$5,725.00

EXPENSES:

Per Capita Tax on 254 members	$1,016.00
Office Rent	1,000.00
Dept. Commander's travel, State-Regional	200.00
Dept. Commander's travel, Natl.	100.00
Dept. Commander's Hotel, Natl.	300.00
Printing Proceedings	350.00
Printing Rosters	125.00
Dept. Secretary's Office Expense	800.00
Dept. Treasurer's office Expense	600.00
Postage and Stationery	100.00
Office Insurance	122.00
Site Committee	35.00
Lincoln Day Committee	225.00
G.A.R. Day Committee	225.00
1986 Encampment Committee	150.00
Allied Orders Dues	15.00
Printing General Orders	45.00
Office Supplies	50.00
Dept. Secretary's Encampment Expense	200.00
Lincoln Day 1985 Balance	67.00
	$5,725.00

On a motion by P.C.C. Haskell, seconded by S.V.D.C. Oakley, where there is no objection on an item, they be adopted by the sound of the gavel. Motion Carried.

Voted to change item one from $3000.00 to $4,000.00.

Voted to change the Dept. Commander's Hotel Room from $248.00 to $300.00. Budget was accepted.

Motion by P.D.C. Tucker seconded by P.C.C. Haskell that we increase our Fire Insurance from $3,000.00 to $5,000.00. Motion Carried.

Chief of Staff Covey reported that he turned over to the Dept. Secretary $53.00.

Dept. Patriotic Instructor Lewis Garney reported that he has turned over to the Dept. Treasurer $46.00.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Commander in Chief Eugene E. Russell installed the following Officers:

Commander ..... **Kenneth H. Oakley**
Senior Vice Commander ..... **Ray Hutchinson**
Junior Vice Commander ..... **James Clayton**
Secretary (3 Years) ..... **William W. Haskell**
Treasurer (3 Years) ..... **Miles E. Harrington, Sr.**
Asst. Secretary-Treasurer ..... **Gilman Harrington**
Department Council .....
Eugene E. Russell
Clark W. Mellor
Joseph Gauthier
Executive Committee (5 Years) ..... **Frank J. Tucker**
Chaplain ..... **Irving Comee**
Patriotic Instructor ..... **Christopher Ziekno**
Chief of Staff ..... **Frank J. Tucker**
G.A.R. Officer ..... **Chester Adshead**

On a motion by Dept. Secretary Haskell that the Minutes taken during the Encampment be the official records of the Encampment when approved by the Department Commander. Motion was seconded by several and carried.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Joint Memorial Service was held on Friday, April 19 with Dept. Chaplain Irving Comee of the Sons and Dept. Chaplain Sarah Fuller of the Auxiliary in charge.

Saturday evening the Annual Banquet was held with Past Commander in Chief William W. Haskell and Past Department President Elizabeth Mellor as hosts, and the reception for the Department Officers of both the Sons and Auxiliary.

Encampment closed at 3:30 P.M. until next April 1986.

Attest:
WILLIAM W. HASKELL
Department Secretary

CLARK W. MELLOR
Department Commander

1985 MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT
TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts			
Advance "Sons"			$ 150.00
Advance Auxiliary			150.00
Lewis Garney			5.00
Raffle Donation from "Sons"			30.00
Buffet			320.00
P.D.C. and P.D.P. Breakfast			108.00
Banquet			530.00
Raffle			
"Sons"		$ 238.00	
Auxiliary		241.00	479.00
			$1,772.00
Expenses			
Raffle Tickets			35.00
Convention Ribbons			39.25
Piano Hire (Auxiliary)			125.00
Entertainment			50.00
Raffle Prizes			25.00
Banquet Favors etc.			14.00
Flowers	Opening	$ 7.60	
	Memorial	14.63	
	Banquet	33.25	
			55.48
Skipper			
P.D.P. Breakfast	(27)	108.69	
Buffet	(40)	319.70	
Banquet	(62)	552.57	
			980.96
			$1,324.69

Total Receipts	$1,772.00
Total Expenses	1,324.69
Balance	447.31
Check to Sons	$ 223.65
Check to Auxiliary	223.65

Respectfully submitted,
MINNIE E. MADEIROS
Committee Treasurer

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